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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action mailed September 12, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.